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“While his myriad on-field successes establish Coach Dungy as a great coach, his civic work and community involvement prove him to be an even better man. From his days in Tampa Bay, through his tenure in Indianapolis, Coach Dungy has always been an active force for good in the community, never allowing his success to be an excuse for complacency. His example of a life lived in the service of others was highlighted and honored when President George W. Bush appointed Coach Dungy to serve on the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

“As a longtime Colts fan and Hoosier, I want to thank Coach Tony Dungy for not just the touchdowns and the victories, but for being an honorable, dignified and exemplary public citizen. He represents the best of professional athletics and community service. We wish Coach Dungy, his wife Lauren, and the rest of the Dungy family well in all their future endeavors.”